
REGIONAL MULTI-STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP ON FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION
Amman, 28-29 April 2015
THE NEAR EAST & NORTH AFRICA REGION
GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTERS

1. Objectives

The Regional Multi-Stakeholder Workshop on Food Security and Nutrition (RMSW) is expected to contribute to a more effective food security and nutrition governance mechanism in the Near East and North Africa (NENA) region. Governments of member countries and participants will discuss the uptake of CFS policy guidance tools that were developed through multi-stakeholder consultations at global or regional levels, and endorsed through multi-stakeholder negotiations within CFS. Member countries and participants are now responsible for their implementation.

The aim of the RMSW is to provide a platform to discuss how to best transform these recommendations and guidelines into concrete, context-specific policies and initiatives.

The objective of the workshop is to discuss policy issues related to selected key topics, with a view to developing regional-level recommendations to be discussed during the upcoming 42nd CFS Plenary Session in October 2015, as well as to discuss how CFS policy guidance tools endorsed at CFS 41 are being taken up within the NENA region by regional and national stakeholders.

Panellists will represent a range of stakeholders: governments, international organizations, grassroots and civil society organisations, as well as the private sector.

The key outcomes expected from the discussions are:

- The identification of context-specific actions that address food security and nutrition challenges in consistency with the policies endorsed in CFS
- The role of regional and global multi-stakeholder mechanisms, and ways to promote policy convergence, coherence and joint action
- Inputs to the current draft Framework for Action for Food Security and Nutrition in Protracted Crises (FFA), which will be negotiated in an Open Ended Working Group in May 2015
- Ways to implement recommendations from the Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2)
- Ways to for countries to implement the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems
- National perspectives on food losses and waste, and linkage to global and regional strategic processes (note a side event will launch a 'Regional Save-Food Network');
- Discussion and reflection on past RMSW recommendations and the way forward

The discussions on each topic will be based on background papers and/or presentation by a panelist.

FAO and the CFS Secretariat will prepare a workshop report with a list of next steps and recommendations. These will be presented to the FAO Near East Regional Conference in Beirut in April 2016, the Bureau and Advisory Group of CFS for discussion, and taken up in the CFS outreach strategy for 2016.

2. Format

A panel will be used to facilitate discussions on each topic. There will be a Facilitator (or Chair), and a Rapporteur. The Facilitator will open the session, invite the panelists to make their presentations, facilitate an open discussion, and summarise the major points and recommendations emerging from the session.

More specifically, the sessions will be divided into two parts:

- Brief presentations (5 minutes maximum; 5 power-point slides) from the panellists to present their perspectives on the topic, striving as much as possible to speak to the analysis and recommendations laid out in the background papers for their session. Panellists are kindly requested to adhere to time and length limits, and these will be enforced by the Chair.
- The second part will include an open and interactive floor discussion with a view to formulate actionable recommendations.

Clear ground rules will be set for participating in the discussions, and the Chair will be rigorous with timekeeping in order to ensure equal opportunities for everyone to speak.

Panelists are requested to send their presentations to the Secretariat **by April 21st, 2015** for review and inclusion in the Workshop materials (please send to Ms Nadida Osman (Nadida.osman@fao.org) and Ms Heba Tokali (Heba.Tokali@fao.org))

A preparatory meeting will be held on the evening of 27th April 2015, (venue and time to be confirmed) among facilitators and panelists in order to coordinate presentations and agree on a set of key questions that could support the facilitator in guiding the open floor discussions.